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1 10. The device according to claim 1 wherein the bioabsorbable element
2 comprises a therapeutic agent.

1 22. A biopsy localization method comprising:
 2 taking a tissue sample from a biopsy site within a patient;
 3 positioning a bioabsorbable element at the biopsy site at the time of the
 4 taking of the tissue sample;
 5 testing the tissue sample; and
 6 if the testing indicates a need to do so relocating the biopsy site by finding
 7 the bioabsorbable element.

1 23. The method according to claim 22 wherein the positioning step is
 2 carried out using said bioabsorbable element and a radiopaque marker.

1 24. The method according to claim 23 wherein the relocating step is
 2 carried out using a radiographic technique.

1 25. The method according to claim 23 wherein the positioning step is
 2 carried out using a chosen one of a permanent radiopaque marker and a temporary
 3 radiopaque marker.

1 26. The method according to claim 22 wherein the relocating step is
 2 carried out by at least one of:
 3 palpation of the patient to feel the bioabsorbable element;
 4 locating inflammation at the biopsy site caused by the bioabsorbable
 5 element;
 6 following a bioabsorbable thread, the thread extending from the patient's
 7 skin to the bioabsorbable element; and
 8 remotely visualizing the bioabsorbable element.

1 27. The method according to claim 26 wherein the remotely
 2 visualizing step is carried out by at least a chosen one of ultrasound, MRI and
 3 mammography.

1 28. The method according to claim 22 wherein the tissue sample taking
 2 step is carried out using a needle biopsy technique.

1 29. The method according to claim 22 wherein the tissue sample taking
 2 step is carried out using a surgical excisional biopsy technique.

